

SITUATION REPORT No. 18

Hurricane Ivan

Alabama State Emergency Operations Center

State Emergency Operations Center Level: 1

Operational Period: September 22, 2004 – 0700 to 1900

(Information current as of 1700 hours)

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CURRENT SITUATION:

Operational Priorities (Post Landfall)

- Debris Removal
- Emergency Medical
- Damage Assessment
- Roofing Tarp
- Temporary Housing
- Special Needs
- Emergency Power
- Receive & Dist.
- Security

CONSEQUENCES: (Action taken to meet Priorities)

ESF- 1 Transportation

- Over 1,100 ALDOT personnel continue to clear debris from State and US routes across the State of Alabama. All roadways are open and clear in the northern and eastern sections of the state. Only a few sections of some roads are still closed or posted as advisory in the western and extreme southern parts of the hardest hit areas. ALDOT crews continue to concentrate on assisting in road closures and repairs along state highways in the Gulf Shores, Orange Beach areas.
- Approximately 66+ routes and segments of State and US routes have been re-opened and/or cleared from debris.
- Approximately 7 segments of State or US routes are posted as advisory due to some debris on or near the roadway.

- Approximately 6 segments of State routes remain closed, mostly in the southern section of Baldwin County, due to debris or roadway damage.
- Approximately 90% of State or US routes in Alabama previously closed due to Hurricane Ivan have been cleared and re-opened to traffic.
- Zones 11-17 in Orange Beach are open only to local traffic
- Zones 1,2,6 and 7 in Gulf Shores are open only to local traffic
- Zones 3,4,5 and 8 in Gulf Shores open only through the use of bus escort to view property
- ALDOT is coordinating with Florida DOT on detour routes around I-10 in Pensacola, Florida.
- ALDOT is monitoring flood conditions and bridge inspection results.
- Approximately 1,100 ALDOT personnel are scheduled to work through the week on problem areas. Hundreds of other ALDOT personnel are working extra hours in order to provide safe passage along affected roadways.
- ALDOT are mobilizing crews from across the state to Mobile and Baldwin Counties to concentrate on traffic issues such as traffic signal control and highway signing. Approx. 30 personnel consisting of (5) Sign Crews and (4) Traffic Signal Crews will arrive in Mobile and Baldwin Counties today. Traffic supplies; over 1500 items from traffic signal heads, signal bulbs, signs, flashers and signal conductor wire are in the process of being collected for shipment to these areas.
- ALDOT also sent traffic signal crews to assist the City of Mobile in repairing signals in their area.
- ALDOT has provided 600 roadway maps for ARC personnel for their use traveling through Mobile and Baldwin counties.
- ALDOT has provided traffic cones to Crenshaw County.
- ALDOT are assisting the City of Ozark in clearing debris.
- ALDOT is coordinating with DOC, installing and setting light poles at Holman Prison in Atmore.

ESF – 2 Telecommunications and Information Technology

- As of 4:00 pm on 9/22/04 Bellsouth reported that 11,586 customers without service.

ESF – 3 Public Works and Engineering

- DTOC deployed to Baldwin County
- 249th Power Battalion Assessment Crews are conducting assessments in: Baldwin, Mobile, Escambia, Conecuh, Monroe, Wilcox, Covington, and Coffee Counties
- As of this operational period, there have been 128 generators delivered and installed. Today there have been 114 installed, 2 shipped, and 12 are in the process of being installed.

- Emergency access debris clearing teams are removing debris currently from Escambia & Baldwin Counties, and Dauphin Island in Mobile County. To date less than 1000 cubic yards removed; all from Baldwin County. Total estimate of debris that needs to be removed from all counties is 9,590,000 cubic yards.
- Five Medium Rescue Teams in Brewton for debris removal.
- State Forestry has 8 Debris Strike teams -- (5 persons) - each team has 1 bulldozer and 2 chainsaws.
- Alabama Forestry Commission have been working opening roads in Chilton, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Greene, Mobile, Monroe, Sumter and Washington counties in coordination with County Engineers and consulting with County Engineers in SW Alabama on the amount of road that remains to be done.
- Forestry Commission personnel are available to City and County Governments to assist in locating debris disposal sites that will be safe for burning.
- 32 counties in SW Alabama remain under a fire alert. Burn permits will be issued only to governmental agencies burning at designated debris disposal sites.
- AFC crews are flying Southern counties to survey and map timber damage so that affected landowners can be advised on salvaging timber. The AFC will also be working with the timber-using industry to maximize markets for damaged timber.

ESF – 4 Firefighting

ESF – 5 Emergency Management

- Northern Rockies IMT Sexton is managing a staging area at Maxwell AFB.
- Alaska IMT (Wilcock) deployed to Escambia County to set up base camp.
- PNW#2 IMT (Lohrey) is operating a receiving and distribution center in Baldwin County.
- Publishing reports as needed.
- Maintaining and gathering intelligence from all ESFs.
- Jefferson County Advanced Team on scene in Wilcox County to assess the needs and requirements of Wilcox County.
- Five (5) person chainsaw crews scheduled to arrive in Atlanta, GA for assignment in Alabama.

ESF – 6 Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services Special Needs

- As of September 22, 2004, there are 6 ARC shelters open with a population of 312. 10 ARC kitchens are set up and serving food.

- Salvation Army currently has 28 canteens open as of 2:00 p.m. on 9/22/04.

ESF – 7 Resource Support and Logistics Management

- We have six National Guard Task Forces active at this time.
- Monitoring event costs.
- ANG Logistics Planning Team is present at the SEOC and currently developing the distribution plan.
- Forestry Commission personnel in Autauga, Butler, Dallas and Greene counties have been distributing water, ice and MREs to outlying communities.

ESF – 8 Public Health and Medical Services

- Department of Public Health currently surveying all of the essential health facilities i.e. nursing homes, dialysis centers, and hospitals, to ascertain level of functionality exists and any special needs to be met to maintain functionality.
- Medical Assistance on scene; 150 First Responders at Atmore Amory
- DMAT deployed MO#1 to Orange Beach, AL (Baldwin Co.)
- 3 DMAT's staged in Ft. Rucker, AL; 1 Staged in Birmingham, AL

ESF – 9 Urban Search & Rescue

- Currently all USAR teams have been released.

ESF – 10 Hazardous Materials Response

- Mobile field office vacated (respond by radio).
- Revised guidelines instituted for burning debris (ADEM).

ESF – 11 Agriculture

- Web-site available for emergency sheltering facilities that will accept animals (www.agi.state.al.us).
- VMT#3 demobilized

ESF – 12 Energy

- As of 4:00 p.m. on 9/22/04, Alabama Power is reporting 53,149 homes & businesses without power.
- TVA has all power restored.
- Electrical Cooperatives are nearing total restoration of power for their customers. (63,425 customers as of 4:00 p.m. on 9-22-04)

ESF – 13 Public Safety and Security

- Troopers are staffing checkpoints into the disaster area in conjunction with Orange Beach Police, Gulf Shores Police and the National Guard
- Trooper Special operation squads are responding to various jail disturbances attributed to lack of electricity in detention facilities
- Marine Police providing 24/7 assistance
- Troopers have one special operations squad performing security patrols in Orange Beach
- Troopers continue to conduct operations to maintain a free flow of necessary traffic on primary access routes
- Troopers are conducting escort duties for relief supplies from Maxwell AFB to the disaster area
- Mutual Aid assistance being provided for law enforcement support to Dauphin Island (8 personnel, 4 vehicles) and Escambia County (5 personnel). 30 + personnel will be coming in tonight and tomorrow to provide assistance.

ESF – 14 Community Recovery, Mitigation, and Economic Stabilization (N/A at this time)

ESF – 15 Emergency Public Information and External Communication

- National Guard has provided a team of 4 PIO specialists to support media inquiries.
- Presidential Proclamation declared, FEMA-1549-DR